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SUBJECT: CANADIAN- FRENCH- UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TELESCOPE PROJECT
MEETING

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REFERENCE: RICHMOND- MALLOY TELECON OF APRIL 6

SUMMARY: CANADIANS AND FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES ENGAGED IN THE CANADIAN- FRENCH- UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TELESCOPE PROJECT MET IN PARIS ON APRIL 9-10, TO " FORMULATE A PROTOCOL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CNRC (CANADA) AND CNRS (FRANCE) ON THE MATTER OF THE FORMULATION OF THE PROJECT AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF TASKS." UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REPRESENTATIVES WERE ALSO EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE BUT DID NOT. AT REQUEST OF CNRS, SCIATT ATTENDED AS OBSERVER. ALL MAJOR ITEMS OF PROTOCOL WERE ACCEPTED BY BOTH SIDES AND CONCURRED IN BY UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TELEPHONICALLY. THE NEXT MEETING IS TO TAKE PLACE IN CANADA, PROBABLY IN OTTAWA, SOMETIME BETWEEN MAY 10 AND 17. PRIOR TO THAT MEETING FRENCH HOPE TO DEVELOP WITH CANADIAN AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS PROCEDURE FOR EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES INTENDED TO GIVE GOVERNMENTAL BLESSINGS TO THE PROJECT. GUIDANCE REQUESTED. END SUMMARY.

1. HAVING NOT YET BY COB APRIL 6 HEARD WHETHER UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REPS WOULD ATTEND SUBJECT MEETING ON APRIL 9 AND 10, CNRS MADE STRONG REQUEST THAT SCIATT REPRESENT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.
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PER DISCUSSION REF TELECON, SCIATT ACCEPTED CNRS INVITATION, BUT ONLY IN CAPACITY AS OBSERVER AND LIMITING ATTENDANCE TO LAST SESSION ON APRIL 10.

2. CANADIAN AND FRENCH PRINCIPALS AT MEETING WERE W. SCHNEIDER, PRESIDENT OF CANADIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (CNRC), AND H. CURIEN, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CNRS. THEY BOTH DIRECTED SEVERAL MAJOR QUESTIONS ON SUBSTANCE TO SCIATT OBSERVER, WHO WAS OBLIGED TO RESPOND THAT HE WAS PRESENT ONLY AS AN OBSERVER AND COULD NOT OFFER ANY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT TO THE PROCEEDINGS. THIS WAS ACCEPTED WITH GOOD GRACE AND FROM THAT POINT MEETING ASSUMED BILATERAL CHARACTER.

3. AT MEETING A CANADIAN REP REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL, VERY LATE WEST COAST TIME, ON APRIL 6 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, IN WHICH HE WAS INFORMED THAT UNIVERSITY WOULD NOT BE REPRESENTED. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT ON MORNING OF APRIL 10 HE HAD ANOTHER CONVERSATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, IN WHICH UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES ACCEPTED ALL THE MAJOR POINTS DEVELOPED BETWEEN FRENCH AND CANADIANS ON APRIL 9. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION THEN NOTED THAT SINCE THERE WERE NO FURTHER MAJOR CHANGES IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS ON APRIL 10, THEY FELT THE THREE PARTIES HAD REACHED FULL AGREEMENT. TO THIS THE FRENCH PARTICIPANTS GAVE UNANIMOUS ASSENT.

4. AFTER THE FORMAL MEETING CLOSED, SCIATT ASKED BOTH SCHNEIDER AND CURIEN WHETHER OR NOT OFFICAL AMERICAN POSITION WAS HINDERING IN ANY WAY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM. THEY BOTH UNHESITATINGLY RESPONDED THAT IT WAS NOT. DR. SCHNEIDER ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS NATURAL CONCERN THAT USG COMMIT ITSELF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO FACILITATING MOVEMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND PEOPLE THROUGH U. S. CUSTOMS FOR THE DURATION OF TELESCOPE PROJECT.

5. LATER, WHILE A GROUP OF THE CANADIAN PARTICIPANTS WERE INFORMALLY DISCUSSING THE LEGAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY DEALING DIRECTLY WITH U. S. STATE, DR. R. S. RETTIE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR CNRC, STATED THAT HE AND HIS STAFF HAVE CONCLUDED THAT AN ACT OF CONGRESS WOULD BE NECESSARY BEFORE FORMAL AGREEMENT CAN BE CONSIDERED VALID.

6. THE NEXT FULL MEETING IS TO TAKE PLACE IN CANADA, PROBABLY UNCLASSIFIED

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IN OTTAWA, BETWEEN MAY 10 AND 17, TO DISCUSS GENERAL PROBLEMS

AND DISTRIBUTION OF TAKS. IN THE MEANTIME FRENCH PLAN MEETING AT QUAI BETWEEN ALLINE OF QUAI, CANADIAN EMBASSY SCIATT, AND, IT IS HOPED BY CNRS, U. S. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE. UNDER DISCUSSION WOULD BE PROCEDURE TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES. THE FIRST CYCLE OF THESE NOTES, WHICH FRENCH WOULD INITIATE, IS INTENDED TO GIVE A GENERAL BLESSING TO THE PROJECT. ALLINE WISHES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH BOTH CANADIAN AND AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT RE THIS PROPOSED MEETING.

7. ENGLISH VERSIONS OF THE AGREEMENTS WORKED OUT IN THE APRIL 9-10 MEETINGS WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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